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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please enter this Amendment in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2003, and grant the concurrent filed Petition for Extension of Time.

Please note the request for an interview.

1) The claims as previously amended are reflected, as a courtesy, in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

(2) The Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.